

REMARKS

In the December 27, 2004 Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I: Claims 1-38, drawn to a fluorogenic composition for detecting protease activity.
- Group II: Claims 39-45, drawn to a method of detecting the activity of a protease using the fluorogenic composition;
- Group III: Claims 46-50, drawn to a method of delivering a molecule into a cell using the fluorogenic composition; and
- Group IV: Claims 51-61, drawn to a method of screening a test agent for the ability to modulate the activity of a protease using the fluorogenic composition.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-38.

In addition, should Group I, II, III, or IV be elected, the Examiner Required Applicants to elect one amino acid sequence identified with a :SEQ ID NO".

In response to this requirement, Applicants elect the sequence KDPJGYVHDGINGJPKG Y (SEQ ID NO:169).

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 769-3513.

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